Schemes for destitute and neglected children

†4138. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is running many schemes for destitute and neglected children;

(b) if so, the details of those schemes;

(c) whether Government is going to consider to introduce these schemes in all the districts of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing following Schemes for destitute and neglected children:—

(i) A Programme for Juvenile Justice;

(ii) An Integrated Programme for Street Children; and

(iii) Scheme for Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) to Promote In-country Adoption.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) by incorporating the elements of the aforesaid schemes for implementation throughout the country during the XI Plan period.

Women trafficking from NER

4139. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is still no end to women trafficking in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, what is the extent of this menace; and

(c) what is the short-term and long-term action plan of Government to combat this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) There are reports about incidents of trafficking of women in the North Eastern Region. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings including children for purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for traffickers. The ITPA is now being further amended providing for more stringent punishment for trafficking in persons including children. The Ministry of Women and Child Development conducts advocacy, awareness generation and sensitization programmes for prevention of child trafficking. The Central Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Women and Child Development on combating Child Prostitution quarterly reviews the State's activities in combating trafficking and prostitutions. The Ministry of Women and Child Development

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